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HOUSE BILL 2156

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AN ACT to name a bridge in Hamblen County in honor of Mr. David W. Purkey.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has named highways and bridges in honor of those outstanding citizens who have distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David W. Purkey is one such person, who has served the citizens of Morristown and Hamblen County for many years with acumen in numerous law enforcement capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purkey's substantial experience includes service as a Tennessee State Trooper, as an agent with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and as a highly respected training coordinator with the City of Morristown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, David Purkey currently serves with distinction as Hamblen County Executive; his efforts to promote good government have earned him the universal respect and admiration of citizens throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purkey has served Hamblen County with pride and professionalism, and should be appropriately honored for his indelible legacy of effective public service; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge on U.S. Highway 25E that spans U.S. Highway 11-E at mile marker 7 and Exit 2b in Hamblen County is hereby designated as "The Honorable David W. Purkey Bridge" as a tribute to this distinguished public servant.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as "The Honorable David W. Purkey Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.